

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 3, 2005 has been received and carefully considered. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter. In an effort to advance the present application to issuance, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 22, and 26 to place all claims in condition for allowance in accordance with the suggestion in paragraph 9 of the Office Action. Paragraph 9 indicated that claims 9-16, 18-21, and 25-31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have incorporated dependent claim 18 into independent claim 1 and have incorporated dependent claim 25 into independent claim 22. Claims 18, 25, and 32-36 have been cancelled and claims 26-29 and 31 have been amended to correct the referenced claim number. Claims 37-40 have been newly added in accordance with a scope similar to the allowable claims. Support for the newly added claims 37-40 and the amendments to claims 1, 22, and 26 may be found in the specification and figures as originally filed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims. If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney or agent.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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